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Dear Sir or Madam:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/011,517, filed on November 5, 2001, by Brent J. Bos, Kenneth Schofield, Mark L. Larson and Niall L. Lynam, entitled INTERIOR REARVIEW MIRROR SYSTEM INCLUDING A FORWARD FACING VIDEO DEVICE, which is a continuation of U.S. pat. application, Serial No. 09/346,352, filed July 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,313,454, and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/599,979, filed June 22, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,320,176, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/135,565, filed on August 17, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,097,023, and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/776,625, filed February 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,611,202, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/313,139, filed May 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,222,447, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 08/935,336, filed September 22, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,949,331, and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/530,306, filed April 27, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,353,392, which is a 371 national phase application of International PCT Application No.

PCT/US98/23062, filed October 30, 1998, which claims priority on U.S. provisional application, Serial No. 60/064,335, filed October 30, 1997.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified parent application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the parent application as filed which is attached includes 28 pages of specification, 12 pages of claims (102 claims), 1 page of Abstract, ten sheets of formal drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages). The attached drawings are copies of the formal drawings filed in the parent application and correspond to the drawings originally filed with the parent application.

2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims 1-102 have been canceled and new claims 103-133 have been added. Examination on the basis of new claims 103-133 is requested.

3. Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

4. Filing Fee and Calculation

Basic Fee	\$770.00
Additional Fees	
Each independent claim in excess of three, -0- times \$86.00	\$.00
Number of claims in excess of twenty, -11- times \$18.00	\$198.00

Filing multiple dependent claims
per application \$290.00 \$.00

Total Filing Fee \$968.00

A check in the amount of \$968.00 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

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- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.
- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

5. Drawings

Ten sheets of formal drawings are enclosed and are copies of the formal drawings filed in the parent application. The formal drawings correspond to the drawings originally filed with the parent application.

6. Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 10/011,517, be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

7. Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Brent J. Bos, Kenneth Schofield, Mark L. Larson and Niall R. Lynam.

8. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 1999, at Reel 010084, Frame 0735.

9. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the parent application Serial No. 10/011,517 is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhardt, LLP and the individual attorneys and agents at said firm, consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhardt, Reg. No. 29 288; Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540.

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10. Verification

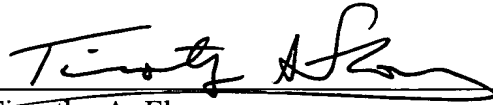
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Respectfully submitted,

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By: Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP

Date: April 13, 2004

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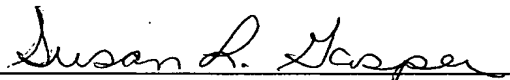
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I certify that the attached return postcard, a check in the amount of \$968.00 for the filing fee, Request for Filing Continuation Application (5 pages, in duplicate), Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet (3 pages), Preliminary Amendment (12 pages), new Abstract (1 page), Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Form PTO-1449 (4 pages), a copy of the prior application as filed, consisting of 28 pages of Specification, 12 pages of Claims (102 claims), 1 sheet of Abstract, and Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages, signed), and 10 sheets of Formal Drawings are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Label Number EV303947366US addressed to:

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